(b) if so, the assistance proposed to the University to construct its own building; and

(c) the help received from the UNESCO in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Autonomy to colleges in Karnataka by UGC

1148. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UGC has granted autonomy to some colleges in Karnataka; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA):(a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), autonomy has not been granted to any college of Karnataka so far. An Expert Committee has, however, already been constituted by the UGC to evaluate the proposals for grant of autonomous status received from eight colleges of Mysore University. Besides, the UGC is scrutinizing fifteen more proposals recently received from the colleges of Karnataka.

CBSE courses in schools of other countries

1149. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools in other countries that offer CBSE courses;

(b) the names of the countries where these schools are located;

(c) whether Government intend to introduce CBSE and other courses to under-developed countries in bilateral agreements;

(d) if so, the names of countries to whom Government have offered this proposal; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA):(a) As per the information received from Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), there are 110 schools abroad which have CBSE affiliation and offer its courses.

(b) There are 19 countries where these schools are located. The details of the countries and number of schools affiliated with CBSE is annexed.

(c) Affiliation of schools abroad depends on the request so received.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Financial assistance for promotion of education by World Bank and IFIs

1150. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank and International Financial Institutions are providing financial assistance for promotion of education in the country;

(b) if so, the details of financial allocation made by these financial institutions during the last three years and till date, and

(c) the details of achievements made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA):(a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Quality Improvement Scheme in schools

1151. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nodal scheme of Quality Improvement in Schools is